Statement

Power Plants Functioning in Bihar and their Energy Generation from 1994-95 to 1996-97.

Energy Generation (MU)

Name of the Station	Installed capacity (MW)	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
Thermal				
Patratu	840	1367	1262	1122
Barauni	320	563	416	408
Muzaffarpur	220	350	310	215
Karbigahia (not generating at present meter R&M)	13.5	—	—	—
Tenugahat (TVNL)	420	0	10	686
Kahalgaon (NTPC)	840	587	2406	3325
Hydro				
Kosi	20	22	19	22
Subarnarekha	130	380	261	266
Sone (Debri)	9.9	17	11	19
Eastern Gandok Canal	10.0	0	3	15

Requirement and shortage of power in Bihar

294. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have estimated the requirement of power in the State of Bihar and the shortage thereof during the last six months monthwise;

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to maximise the availability of power in the State;

(c) whether Government porpose to provide free power to the farmers in the State on the lines of Punjab; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Month-wise actual power supply position in Bihar from April to Oct., 1997 is as under:

(Figure in MU net)

Months	Requirement	Availability	Shortage	%
April, 97	800	639	161	20.1
May, 97	795	636	157	19.7
June, 97	705	566	139	19.7
July, 97	750	523	227	30.3
August, 97	700	571	209	26.8
Sept., 97	785	620	165	21.0
Oct., 97	840	650	190	22.6
April to Oct., 97	5455	4207	1248	22.9

(b) Eastern Region is having surplus power. Shortage of power in Bihar is mainly on account of inadequate sub-transmission network in the State, poor performance of Bihar State Electricity Board and inability of the State Government to pay for the power from Central generating stations. Issues concerning power sector in Bihar have been discussed by Union Minister of State for Power with Ministers of Power and Finance of Government of Bihar on 4.11.1997. The State Government has been informed of availability of funds from Power Finance Corporation for any project for renovation and modernisation and life extension of power plants at 4% below interest rate subject to its viability and fulfilment of other conditions regarding repayment of past loans. PFC have approached BSEB to expedite the Operational and Fianancial Action Plan procees after which BSEB would be eligible for interest subsidy on schemes relating to on-going generation/missing transmission links, R&M during the current year. Barauni, Patratu and Muzaffarpur TPSs are included in R&M Phase-II programme and can be posed for PFC financing after meeting the requirements of PFC. Resumption of loan for rural electrificaiton schemes to Bihar would be possible provided State Government agree to re-schedulement of the loan and interest. State Government have been advised to tie up the modalities with REC.

In order to meet the future requirement of power in the State. Government of India has porposed to develop a Mega Power Project of 1000 MW capacity at Nabinagar in Bihar. Powergrid Corporation of India has issued Notice for prequalification of bidders.

(c) and (d) Power supply to various categories of consumers in the State including fixing of tariff to various categories of consumers is the responsibility of the State Government.

Addition to Power Generating Capacity

295. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the addition to power generating capacity in 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) what is the estimate of the likely addition of capacity in 1997-98;

(c) how far is it consistent with the target of the 9th plan; and

(d) what is the progress regarding implementation of eight fast track projects in the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) The addition to power generating capacity during 1995-96 and 1996-97 was as follows:

	Hydro	Thermal	Nuclear	Total (in MW)
1995-96	147	1977	—	2124.00
1996-97	660.50	964	—	1624.50

(b) The target for capacity addition during 1997-98 is indicated below:—

Hydro 516 MW
Thermal 2723MW
Nuclear Nil
Total 3239 MW

(c) The target for the 9th Plan has not yet been finalised. However, in preparation for achieving higher capacities in the Ninth Plan, during 1997-98 the following steps have already been taken:

(i) NTPC is contemplating adding 6270 MW of new capacity during the Ninth Plan. Capacity expansion programmes are under way at Unchahar, Vindhyachal and Kayamkulam. Faridabad CCGT (400 MW) and Simhadri TPS (1000 MW) have recently been